

REMARKS

Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

1. Regarding Examiner's rejections based on George (USP 5,014,494) in view of Erbe et al. (USP 6,736,799), Examiner states that the combination of George in view of Erbe et al. inherently possesses the properties set forth in the claims. Applicants disagree. Examiner also states that the specification states that the oxygen sensitive material is Dow 2081 polycarbonate. The specification states that some embodiments utilize Dow 2081; this is one example, and this specific material is not required for all embodiments. Nevertheless, Claims 9 and 23 have been amended to further define over the prior art by limiting the claim to a storage arrangement for a distal occlusion inflation device. This distal occlusion inflation device is the subject of copending application 10/007,788 filed November 06, 2001, entitled "Gas Inflation/Evacuation System and Sealing System for Guidewire Assembly Having Occlusive Device", now U.S. Patent No. 6,942,678, and has inventors in common with the present invention and is assigned to the same assignee as the present invention. The combination, as claimed, is not obvious from the prior art of record.

2. There is no item 2 in the Office action.

3. Regarding Examiner's rejections based on George in view of Erbe et al., and further in view of Nicolais (USP 6,161,695) and Ahlqvist et al. (USP 5,881,534), independent claims 9 and 23 have been amended to further define over the cited prior art.

Claims 9 and 23 have been amended; claims 25, 26 and 27 have been added. No new matter has been added.

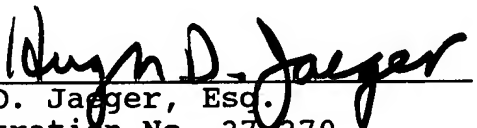
It is believed that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

If there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this patent application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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